

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. (Currently Amended) A reproduction apparatus with a battery for reproducing term-managed main data, comprising:

main data storage means for storing said term-managed main data;

term data storage means for storing term management data for managing said term-managed main data;

time counting means operating with said battery for counting time and producing time information;

holding means for holding said time information counted by said time counting means when power is not supplied to said time counting means from said battery; and

control means for controlling said holding means to hold said time information counted by said time counting means at a predetermined time[.]

wherein said control means controls said holding means to hold said time information at a predetermined timing, and

wherein said control means controls said holding means to hold said time information when said reproduction apparatus enters a low power consumption mode.

--2. (Previously Presented) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when a supply of power from said battery of said reproduction apparatus is resumed after said supply of power from said battery is interrupted, said

control means controls said time counting means to resume said counting time based on said time information held by said holding means.

--3. (Previously Presented) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means permits reproduction of said term-managed main data based on said term management data stored in said term data storage means.

--4. (Previously Presented) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control means permits reproduction of said main data based on said term management data stored in said term data storage means and said time information counted by said time counting means.

--5. (Cancelled)

--6. (Currently Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim [[5]] 1, wherein said time information is held by said holding means after each predetermined interval of time.

--7. (Cancelled)

--8. (Currently Amended) The reproduction apparatus according to claim [[7]] 1, further comprising:
operation means for being operated by a user, and
wherein said reproduction apparatus enters said low power

consumption mode in which said power supply to a predetermined circuit block is stopped when said operation means is not operated by said user for a predetermined period of time.

--9. (Previously Presented) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said time counting means continues said counting time using said power from said battery even when said reproduction apparatus is in said low power consumption mode, and said control means controls said holding means to hold said time information counted successively by said time counting means after each predetermined period of time while said reproduction apparatus is in said low power consumption mode.

--10. (Previously Presented) The reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

connection means for allowing communication with another apparatus, and

wherein said control means adjusts, when said reproduction apparatus is connected to said another apparatus by said connection means, said counting time of said time counting means based on time information sent from said another apparatus to said reproduction apparatus.

--11. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A reproduction apparatus according to claim 10, with a battery for reproducing term-managed main data, comprising:

main data storage means for storing said term-managed main data;

term data storage means for storing term management data for managing said term-managed main data;

time counting means operating with said battery for counting time and producing time information;

holding means for holding said time information counted by said time counting means when power is not supplied to said time counting means from said battery; and

control means for controlling said holding means to hold said time information counted by said time counting means at a predetermined time; and

connection means for allowing communication with another apparatus,

wherein said control means adjusts, when said reproduction apparatus is connected to said another apparatus by said connection means, said counting time of said time counting means based on time information sent from said another apparatus to said reproduction apparatus, and

wherein said adjustment of said counting time of said time counting means is performed when said time information of said another apparatus connected to said reproduction apparatus leads said time information counted by said time counting means.

--12. and 13. (Cancelled)

--14. (Currently Amended) A reproduction method for a

reproduction apparatus that reproduces term managed main data using a battery as a power supply, comprising the steps of:

reading, from a timer that operates with said power supply from said battery to count time and stops time counting when said power is not supplied from said battery, time information to be used for term management of said term-managed main data and writing said time information into a nonvolatile memory that holds data even when said power is not supplied thereto from said battery; and

setting said time information written in said nonvolatile memory to said timer when said power is supplied again after said power supply from said battery is interrupted[.].

wherein said writing of said time information into said nonvolatile memory is performed when said reproduction apparatus enters a low power consumption mode.

--15. (Previously Presented) The reproduction method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

discriminating, when an instruction to reproduce said term managed main data is received, whether to permit reproduction of said term-managed main data based on term-management data and said time counted by said timer.

--16. (Cancelled)

--17. (Previously Presented) The reproduction method according to claim 14, wherein said writing of said time

information into said nonvolatile memory is performed after each predetermined interval of time.

--18. (Previously Presented) The reproduction method according to claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a time information sent from another apparatus connected to said reproduction apparatus; and

re-setting said timer based on said received time information sent from said another apparatus.

--19. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A reproduction method according to claim 18, for a reproduction apparatus that reproduces term managed main data using a battery as a power supply, comprising the steps of:

reading, from a timer that operates with said power supply from said battery to count time and stops time counting when said power is not supplied from said battery, time information to be used for term management of said term-managed main data and writing said time information into a nonvolatile memory that holds data even when said power is not supplied thereto from said battery;

setting said time information written in said nonvolatile memory to said timer when said power is supplied again after said power supply from said battery is interrupted;

receiving a time information sent from another apparatus connected to said reproduction apparatus; and

re-setting said timer based on said received time information sent from said another apparatus,

wherein said step of re-setting said timer is performed when said received time information sent from said another apparatus leads said time produced by said timer.